



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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VALOR AWARDS PRESENTED



**Paul O'Brien
Receives
Bronze Medal
of Valor**

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Board of Supervisors Honored Outstanding Volunteers

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors honored recipients of Loudoun Volunteer Services' 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Awards at the Board's meeting on May 4.

The recipients of this year's awards in 12 different categories are exceptional examples of the many dedicated volunteers who give of themselves in ways that benefit the entire community. Within this year's award recipients were two fire and rescue volunteers.



Patricia Russell of the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad received the **Outstanding Public Safety Volunteer of 2004**.

Patricia served as President of the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad in 2003. She successfully oversaw the completion of extensive renovations on their building, maintained Squad morale throughout a difficult interim time in cramped, loaned quarters, maintained sound budgetary controls, undertook significant debt to pay for the renovations, and happily moved the squad back into their beautiful new building.

Patricia was responsible for every aspect of the Rescue Squad's administration – giving 40 hours a week throughout the year. She would stop by on her way to and from her regular job to make sure everything was operating smoothly and resolved problems as they arose. She served as a positive role model for the squad's membership, taught CPR courses, assisted in training and evaluation of EMTs, appeared before local governing bodies, and served in a host of other critical ways.

Because Rescue Squads are responsible for providing services to the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, working and leading in this way requires training, skills, dedication, energy, compassion and discipline to deliver services successfully. Patty Russell has indeed inspired Rescue Squad volunteers to give their utmost to our community. Her contribution deserves great recognition.

Congratulations to Patricia Russell, Loudoun County's Outstanding Public Safety Volunteer for 2004.

Joshua Burnheimer of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company received the **Outstanding Youth Volunteer of 2004**.

Joshua Burnheimer is a unique young man. He is a senior and the Student Council Association President at Stone Bridge High School. In 2003, Josh performed almost 2/3 of a work year of volunteer effort for Loudoun County, risking his personal safety and all the while serving as an academic role model and leader of the SBHS student body.

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In his first three years of high school he maintained a 3.8 GPA, was recognized for Outstanding Academic Achievement, and became a member of the National Honor Society. While achieving this level of academic success, Joshua was logging an estimated 1400 hours of community service as an Ashburn Volunteer Firefighter. In order to do so, Josh had to forego many social activities and make other personal sacrifices. Instead, his evenings and weekends were spent attending courses to become a Certified Firefighter – a goal he reached by the age of 17. He has also achieved certification for the areas of Hazardous Materials, First Responder, and CPR.

He also finds time to volunteer at church functions, as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and other community service as part of the Stone Bridge High School Key Club. Josh is a leadership student in the Leesburg Daybreak Rotary Club and he spent a week at a Boys' State In-Depth leadership meeting where he met some of Virginia's senior government officials. Last fall he received the Virginia Youth Award from Attorney General Jerry Kilgore.

Congratulations to Joshua Burnheimer – Loudoun County's Outstanding Youth Volunteer for 2004.



(Left-Right) Chief Jack Brown, Joshua Burnheimer, and David Ayres, President 6. Joshua receives the Loudoun County Outstanding Youth Volunteer for 2004.

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or
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Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee

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CHECK YOUR ID CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE

If you need a new ID card, please contact Frankie Rust at 703-777-0568 (need correct spelling of last name) or e-mail frust@loudoun.gov. The card will be processed with the same photograph and sent to the company president for distribution.

If you prefer to have a new photograph, you have to go to Communications to have a new photo taken, remember to call first. Thanks!

JULY 2004

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	6	7 Companies 13 & 17	8 Company 15	9	10
11 Company 14	12 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	13 Rescue Chiefs	14 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	15	16	17
18	19 Company 1 ALS Committee	20 EMS Council	21 Fire Council	22	23	24
25	26 Companies 4 & 8	27 Fire-Rescue Commission (may change)	28	29	30	31
SCHEDULED TRAINING						

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #5 July 17, 2004
Class #6 August 29, 2004
Class #7 October 17, 2004
Class #8 December 5, 2004

EMT-B Refresher for the Experienced Provider

June 1-14, 2004
(Pre-test-June 1, 2004, for well-versed providers active during last four years. Fast paced class!)

EMT-B Instructor Prep Class Saturday, June 5, 2004

ALS Challenge

Prep- June 9, 2004
Written Test-June 10, 2004
Practical Test-June 13, 2004

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Arcola Sta. 9	(703) 327-2222
Ashburn Sta. 6	(703) 729-0006
Hamilton Sta. 5	(540) 338-6001
Leesburg Sta. 1/20	(703) 771-9103
Loudoun Sta. 13	(703) 777-7185
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South Riding Sta. 19	(703) 327-6747

Valor Awards Held

On Wednesday, March 31, 2004 the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce held the Valor Awards at Landsdowne Resort in Leesburg. Assistant Chief Jack Brown presented the Valor Award to fire and rescue personnel on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

The following Fire-Rescue personnel received awards:

Paul O'Brien, of Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, received the Bronze Medal of Honor for a November 13, 2003 incident when a storm with high winds blew a tree and electrical lines down on a girl standing at a school bus stop in Sterling. Paul's quick thinking and emergency treatment to the girl prior to the arrival of emergency units certainly affected the outcome of this call.

Lieutenant Micah Kiger and Captain Daniel Smith received Lifesaving Awards for providing emergency care to 3 very seriously injured patients under stressful conditions on an auto accident in March 2003. Both Kiger and Smith were on their way home from duty when they stopped to provide care at the accident scene without the benefit of medical equipment and supplies. When emergency units arrived on the scene, they continued care to the end of the incident. Their actions directly resulted in the saving of human life.

Firefighter Gregory Moore and Lieutenant Jeremy Gay received



Paul O'Brien receives Bronze Medal of Honor and Assistant Chief Jack Brown, LCFR, who assisted in presenting the awards.



Lieutenant Micah Kiger and Captain Daniel Smith receive Lifesaving Awards. (Left to Right)

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Lifesaving Awards and the crews of Engine and Truck 11 received a Unit Citation for their actions at a house fire in Sterling in December 2003.

Both Moore and Gay entered the house and removed the occupant under thick dark smoke and extreme heat. The occupant recovered from smoke inhalation and burns.

Engine and Truck 11 gave invaluable assistance to Moore and Gay in saving of a human life. The individuals on the two crews are: Captain Kevin Wright, Lieutenant Jason Collins, Lieutenant Jeremy Gay, Firefighters Ghorley Gregg, Gregory Moore, Donald Henry, and Earl Fox II.

Lieutenant Sean Scott received the Meritorious Action Award for his actions in November 2003. While transferring a patient to Emergency Department in Leesburg, he assisted a citizen stranded out in a storm. Scott, placing himself in personal risk, ventured out into the raging wind and driving rain to help the citizen who was clinging to a tree to keep from being knocked down. Unknown to many at the time, there was a tornado that was affecting the Northwest region of Leesburg. There were numerous trees and power lines that were being blown down in the area.

Lieutenants Micah Kiger and Alan Williams received a Meritorious Action Award for the March 2003 plane crash in Leesburg. Both Kiger and Williams responded to the plane crash where they entered the plane to affect the rescue of the victims.



Receiving Lifesaving Awards and a Unit Citation are (L-R): FF Donald Henry, FF Earl Fox, FF Ghorley Gregg, Lt. Jason Collins, Capt. Kevin Wright, FF Gregory Moore, Lt. Jeremy Gay and A/C Jack Brown.



Lieutenant Sean Scott receives a Meritorious Action Award from Assistant Chief Jack Brown.

A large amount of fuel had covered the area around the plane creating a significant risk of fire or explosion. Both actively participated in medical care to the patients. Kiger was on duty and Williams was off duty, but heard the crash from his home a couple blocks away.

Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Company received a Unit Citation for the February 2003 incident at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Leesburg. Due to heavy winter storms the facility had water flowing from the roof that was creating a serious electrical hazard. The roof was also in danger of collapse. Company 13 assisted in the immediate evacuation of the occupants, some bed ridden. Company 13 had to move the occupants to various places through out the region. This was a very complicated, challenging, and delicate mission, but Company 13 rose to the occasion and provided exemplary service. The members who received the Unit Citation are: Isabella Askari, Ronald Bates, David Beatty, Michelle Beatty, Kitty Campbell, Rick diZerega, Wagner Grier, Earl Haussling, Pat Hollandsworth, Harry Householder, Marie Householder, Butch Mellott, Sam Moten, Becky Peach, David Peach, Kelly Peach, Trula Peach, Stevan Porter, Rodney Scott, Debbie Smallwood, Susan Stephens, John Udy, Shannon Virts, Kevin Washburn and Alfred Willis.

**Congratulations
to All!**



Lieutenants Alan Williams and Micah Kiger receive their Meritorious Action Awards.



Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad receives a Unit Citation Award (L-R): Kitty Campbell, Marie Householder, Wagner Grier, Al Willis, Steve Porter, Rick diZerega, and Susan Stephens. Not seen in the back are Pat Hollandsworth and Harry Householder. Assisting in presenting the Unit Citation is Chief Jack Brown.

'The 411 from 911'

The Communications Center has recently hired 2 new dispatchers. They began on March 18, 2004 and attended an intense four-week classroom-training curriculum before being assigned to Teams in the Center. Join us in welcoming our newest dispatchers: Ivan Demay & Jason Russell.

Ivan Demay originally hails from Newark, NY but currently resides in Westminster, MD. Ivan has been a member of the Odenton Fire Company for the past 25 years and currently serves as a Lieutenant. Ivan also serves in the Army National Guard as a Helicopter Crew Chief; he enjoys spending time with his model trains, golfing & tennis and the occasional opportunity to fly. Ivan is assigned to Team 1.

Jason Russell hails from Brunswick, MD and has been a member of Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co. for the past 12 years. Jason is a NASCAR fan, collect coins and other currency, enjoys fishing and spending time with

his fiancée of 8 years, Lyndi. Jason is assigned to Team 3.

Other notables...

On March 13, 2004 at 07:28 am, dispatcher Ricky Alford was on duty in the ECC, when a dispatcher from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office approached him with a NEXTEL. She advised a deputy was enroute with his wife from Charlestown, WVA to Loudoun Hospital - Lansdowne for the delivery of his 3rd child, and had pulled over on East Market Street & Riverside Parkway with the delivery in progress. Ricky utilized the Sheriff's Office NEXTEL direct connect to give pre-arrival instructions for delivery. Within just 2 minutes, Ricky had assisted with delivery of a healthy baby girl. Medic 13 subsequently transported both the mother and baby to Loudoun Hospital.

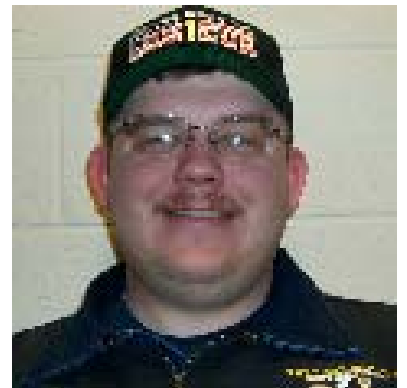
This month's helpful hint:
Companies with multiple ALS providers on the board, should identify which provider(s) are on the unit when marking

their response to calls.

Do you have a question or suggestion? Send them to MDE-HOYOS@loudoun.gov



Ivan Demay



Jason Russell